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Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters, on *Monday, 3 January 2011*, official holiday, and on Tuesday, 4 January.]

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Other meetings

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Tuesday, 4 January 2011

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of January 2011 (Bosnia and Herzegovina) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month of January, on Wednesday, 5 January 2011, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building).

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Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 4 January 2011

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Informal intersessional meeting

In accordance with the recommendation of the first Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, endorsed by the General Assembly, the first open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held on Monday, 10, and Tuesday, 11 January 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The objective of the meeting is to hold focused, substantive discussions to advance the subject matter of the Conference. A draft organization of work is available on the UNCSD Web site <www.uncsd2012.org>. The meeting is open to all participants of the Preparatory Committee.

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
First session

The first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be held from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 January 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.219/IPC/1/Rev.1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to forward the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Timur Alasaniya (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4422; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

A list of speakers for the general debate at the first session of the Preparatory Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1531; room IN-606B; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

All delegates are invited to consult relevant background information on the preparatory process at <https://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home>. For more information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, OHRLLS (e-mail musollino@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4844).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2011

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 18 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of the Bureau for 2011. The proposed basic programme of work of the Council will be issued in document E/2011/1 and the annotated provisional agenda for the organizational session will be issued in document E/2011/2.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 13, and Friday, 14 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The secretariat will provide laptops, in the conference room, for accredited delegations, to facilitate access to the work programme of the Committee through its paperless committee system. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo>. The informal consultations are open to members of the Committee only.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Ninth session

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its ninth session from Monday, 24 January, to Friday, 4 February 2011, at United Nations Headquarters. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2011/1.

The session will include a high-level ministerial segment, which will be held on Wednesday, 2, and Thursday, 3 February 2011. There will be two parallel high-level round tables (1 and 2) in the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 February, and two parallel high-level round tables (3 and 4) in the morning of Thursday, 3 February 2011, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests for people;

Round table 2: Finance for forest-dependent communities;

Round table 3: Forests-plus: A cross-sectoral and cross-institutional approach; and

Round table 4: Forests and green economies.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, as soon as possible *but no later than Friday, 7 January 2011*, their preference for the participation of their head of delegation in *one* of the above-mentioned round tables by e-mail or fax to the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (e-mail niamke@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4244; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for making statements will be given to those heads of delegation that have inscribed before the deadline. Each round table accommodates forty statements. The time-limit for each statement is *three minutes* for individual Member States and *five minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. For further detailed information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room S-2950E), with copy to Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill (e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org; room DC1-1258).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2011

The first regular session 2011 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Thursday, 3 February 2011, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2011/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 24 January 2011*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Tuesday, 18 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and on Monday, 7 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Wednesday, 12 January 2011, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 11 January 2011, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (briefing on the assurance mapping study into oversight mechanisms of the Court)

Tuesday, 11 January 2011, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Forests (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 12, to Friday, 14 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is closed. Member States wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Sonia Smallacombe, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail smallacombe@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5066; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Announcements

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Responsibility of international organizations

Delegations are reminded that the deadline for the submission of comments of Governments on the draft articles on the responsibility of international organizations, as adopted by the International Law Commission, on first reading, at its sixty-first session in 2009 (General Assembly resolution 64/114 of 16 December 2009, operative para. 5 (A/RES/64/114)), is *today*, 1 January 2011.

Delegations may send their comments to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (room M-13065; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). In addition, it would be appreciated if an electronic version of the comments could also be sent to ilcweb@un.org.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and their Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 29 October 2010)

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 32, the above Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 2 February 2011 until 1 February 2012.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (e-mail depositarytreaty@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2011* will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2011/2).

Web sites

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DP/FPA-ICEF-WFP/DCCP/2011/TZA/1
Draft common country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania (July 2011-June 2015) [E F S (only)] — *60 pages*

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